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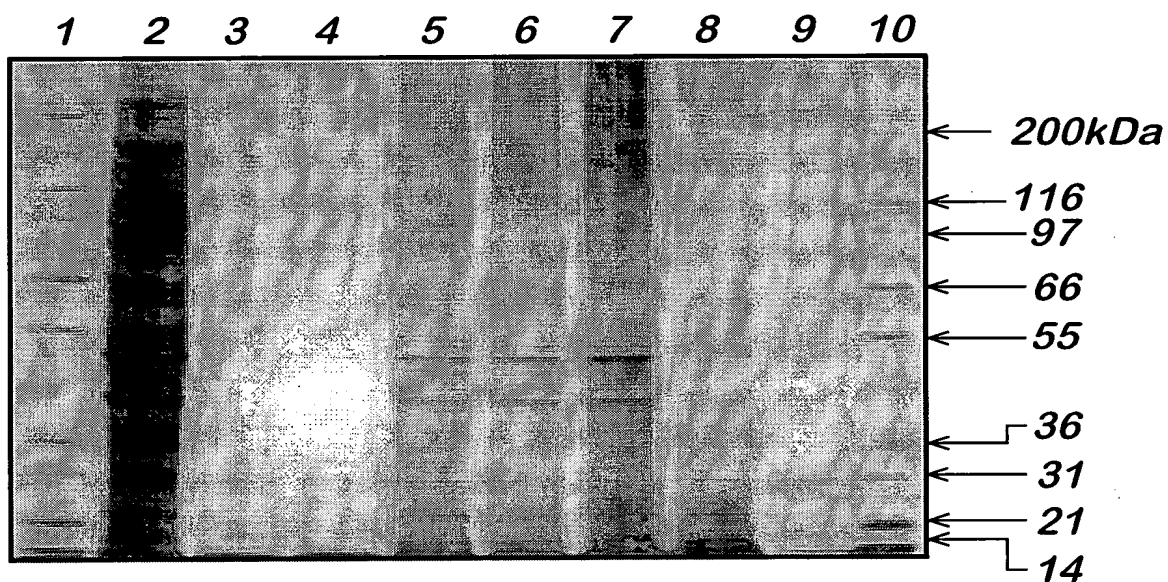
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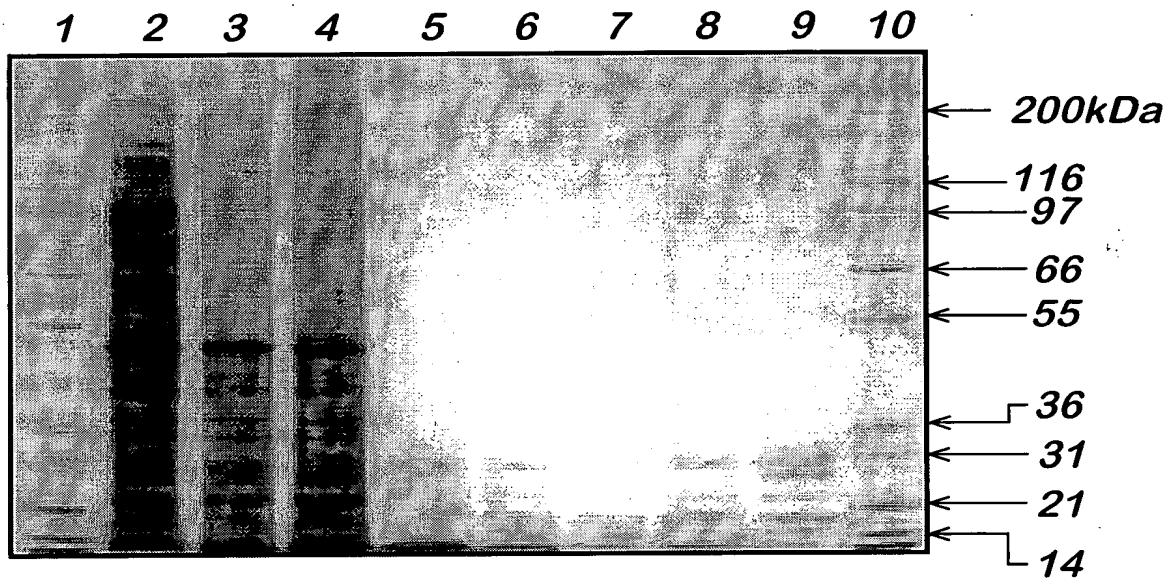


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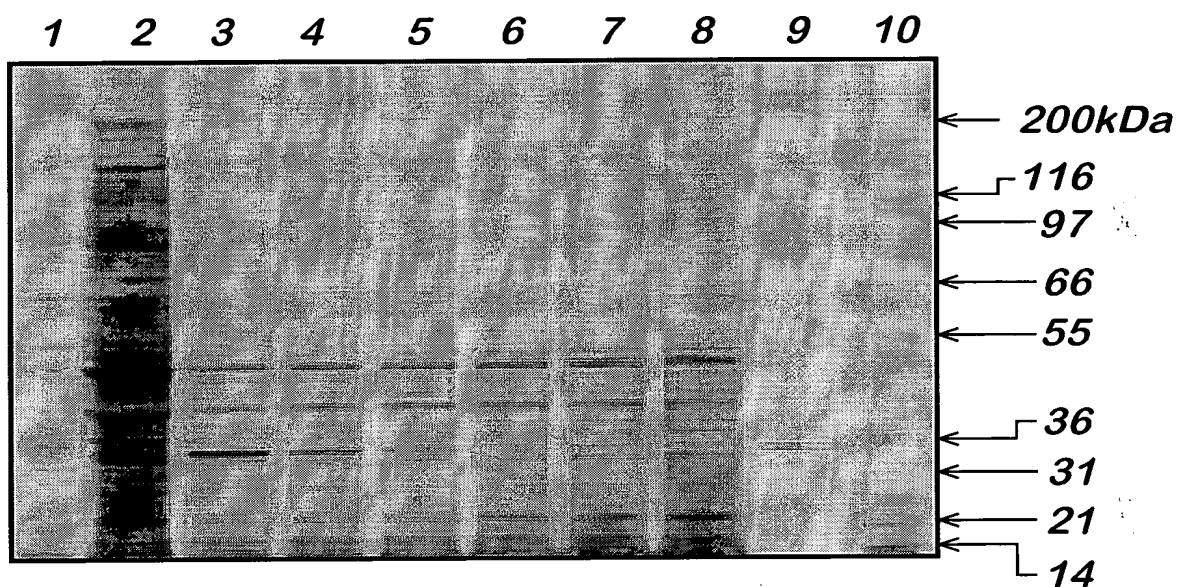
Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins
Lane 2, untreated mbh
Lane 3, 50°C
Lane 4, 60°C
Lane 5, 70°C
Lane 6, 80°C
Lane 7, 90°C
Lane 8, 100°C
Lane 9, Protease M

Fig. 2



Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins
Lane 2, untreated mbh
Lane 3, pH2
Lane 4, pH4
Lane 5, pH6
Lane 6, pH8
Lane 7, pH10
Lane 8, pH12
Lane 9, Protease M

Fig. 3



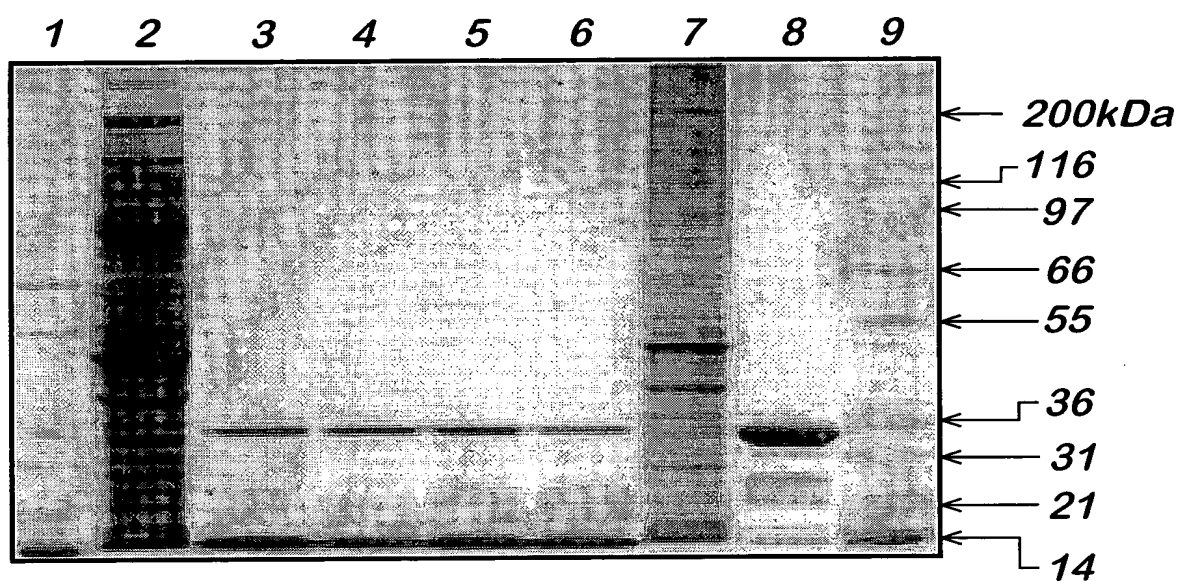
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Lane 2, untreated mbh

Lanes 3 - 8, Rokko digest (20mg.ml⁻¹ - 0.1 mg.ml⁻¹)

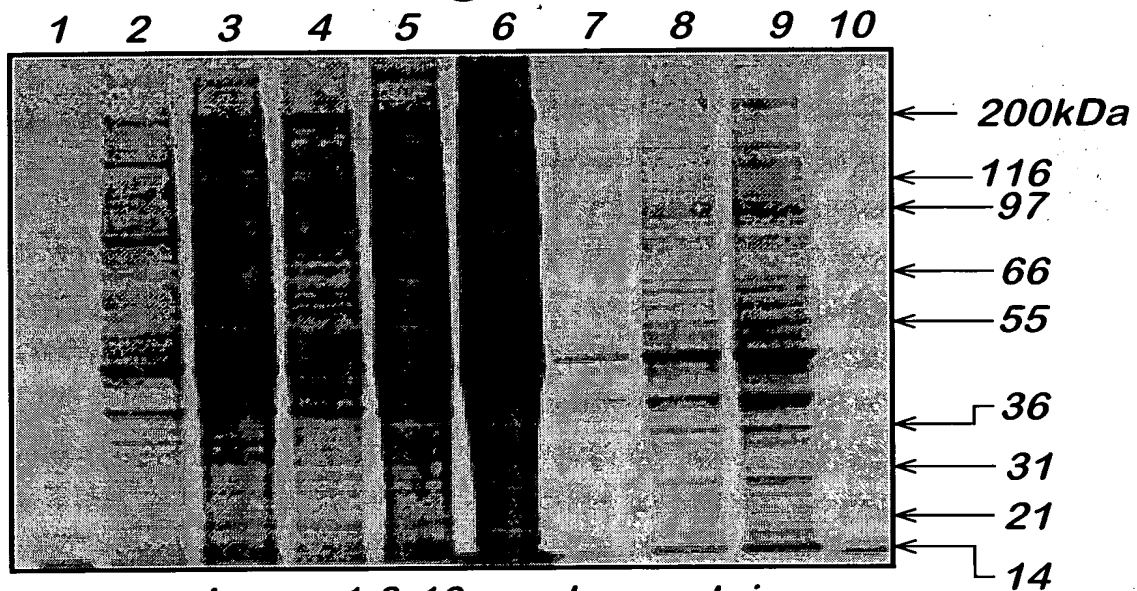
Lane 9, Rokko (1mg.ml⁻¹)

Fig. 4



Lanes 1 & 9, marker proteins
Lane 2, untreated mbh
Lane 3, 2% SDS
Lane 4, 1% SDS
Lane 5, 0.5% SDS
Lane 6, 0.25% SDS
Lane 7, mbh + 2% SDS
Lane 8, Rokko (20mg.ml⁻¹)

Fig. 5



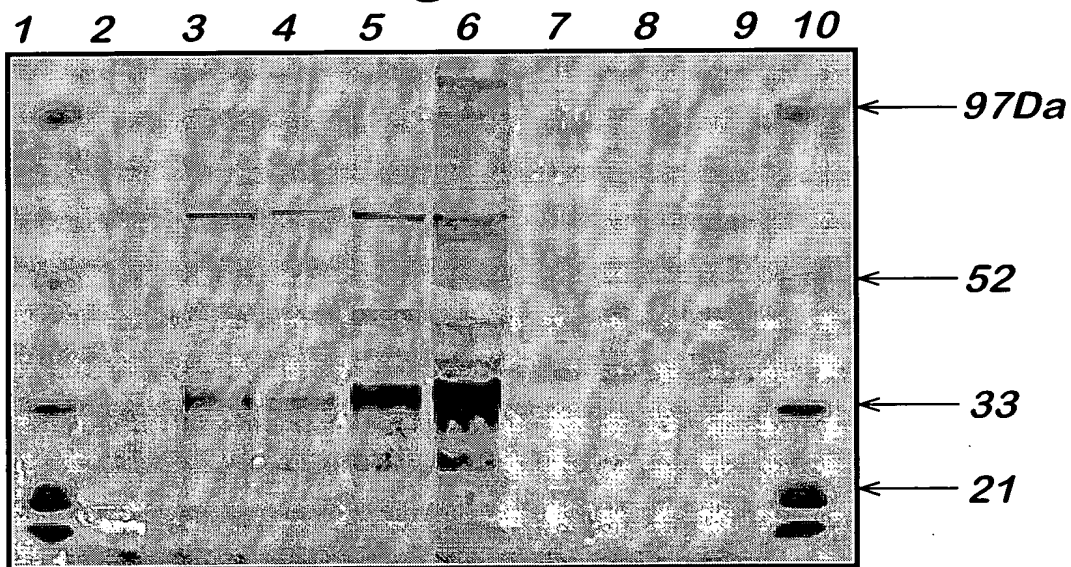
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Lanes 2 & 3, mbh

Lanes 4 - 6, mbh pellet

Lanes 7 - 9, mbh supernatant

Fig. 6



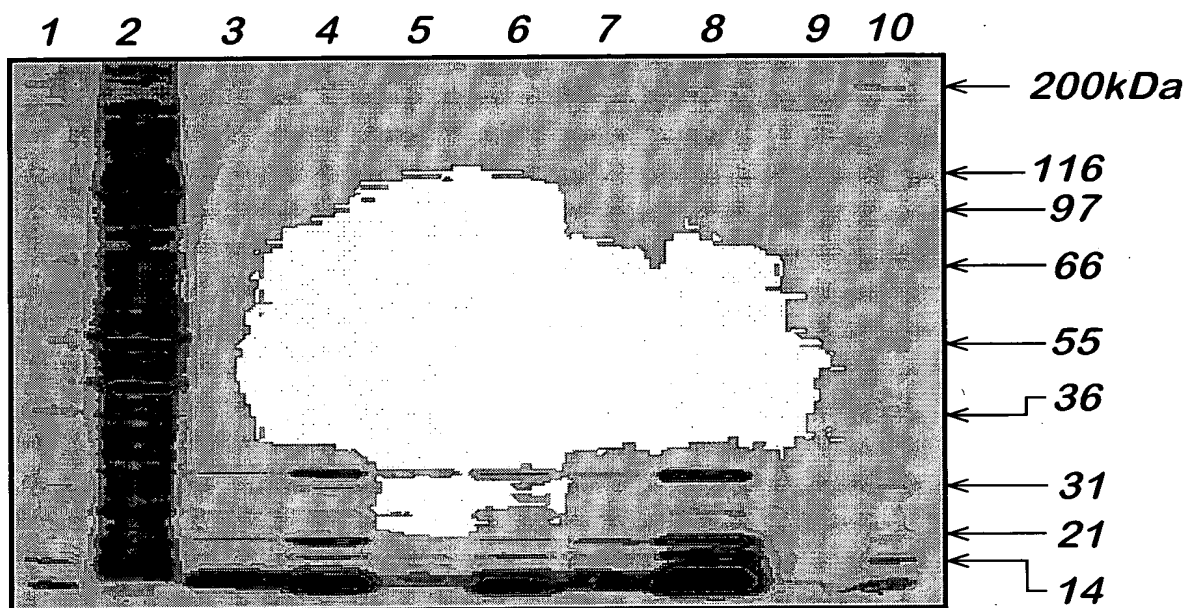
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Lanes 2 & 3, mbh

Lanes 4 - 6, mbh pellet

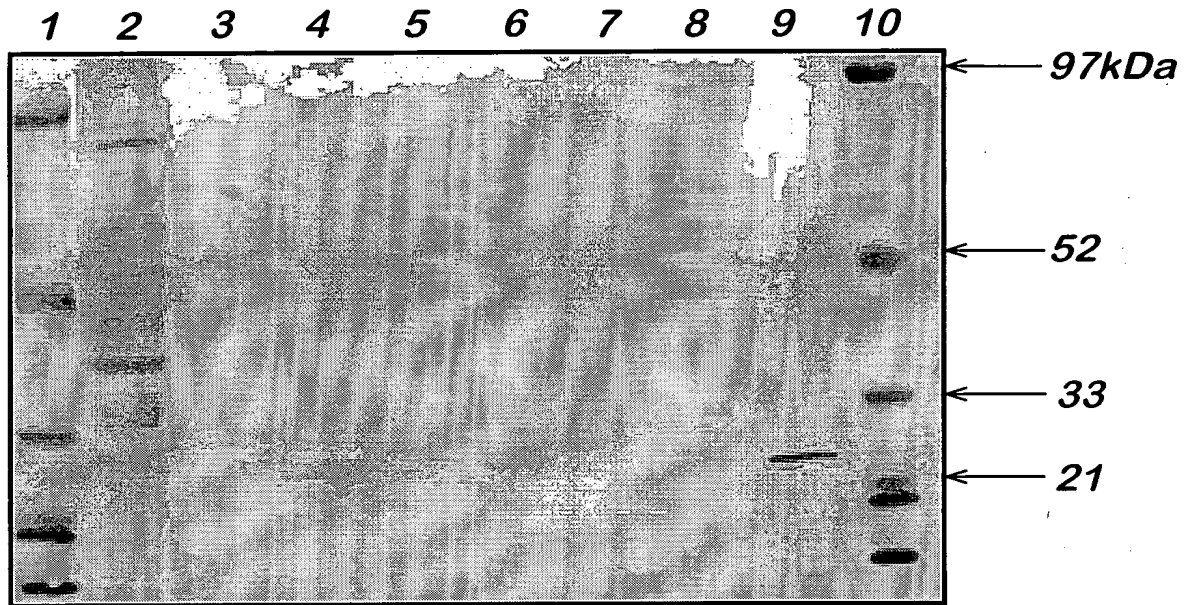
Lanes 7 - 9, mbh supernatant

Fig. 7



Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins
Lane 2, untreated mbh
Lane 3, Protease G digest
Lane 4, Protease G
Lane 5, Protease R digest
Lane 6, Protease R
Lane 7, Protease C digest
Lane 8, Protease C
Lane 9, rec. mouse PrP

Fig. 8



Lanes 1 & 10, marker proteins
Lane 2, untreated mbh
Lane 3, Protease G digest
Lane 4, Protease G
Lane 5, Protease R digest
Lane 6, Protease R
Lane 7, Protease C digest
Lane 8, Protease C
Lane 9, rec. mouse PrP

Fig. 9

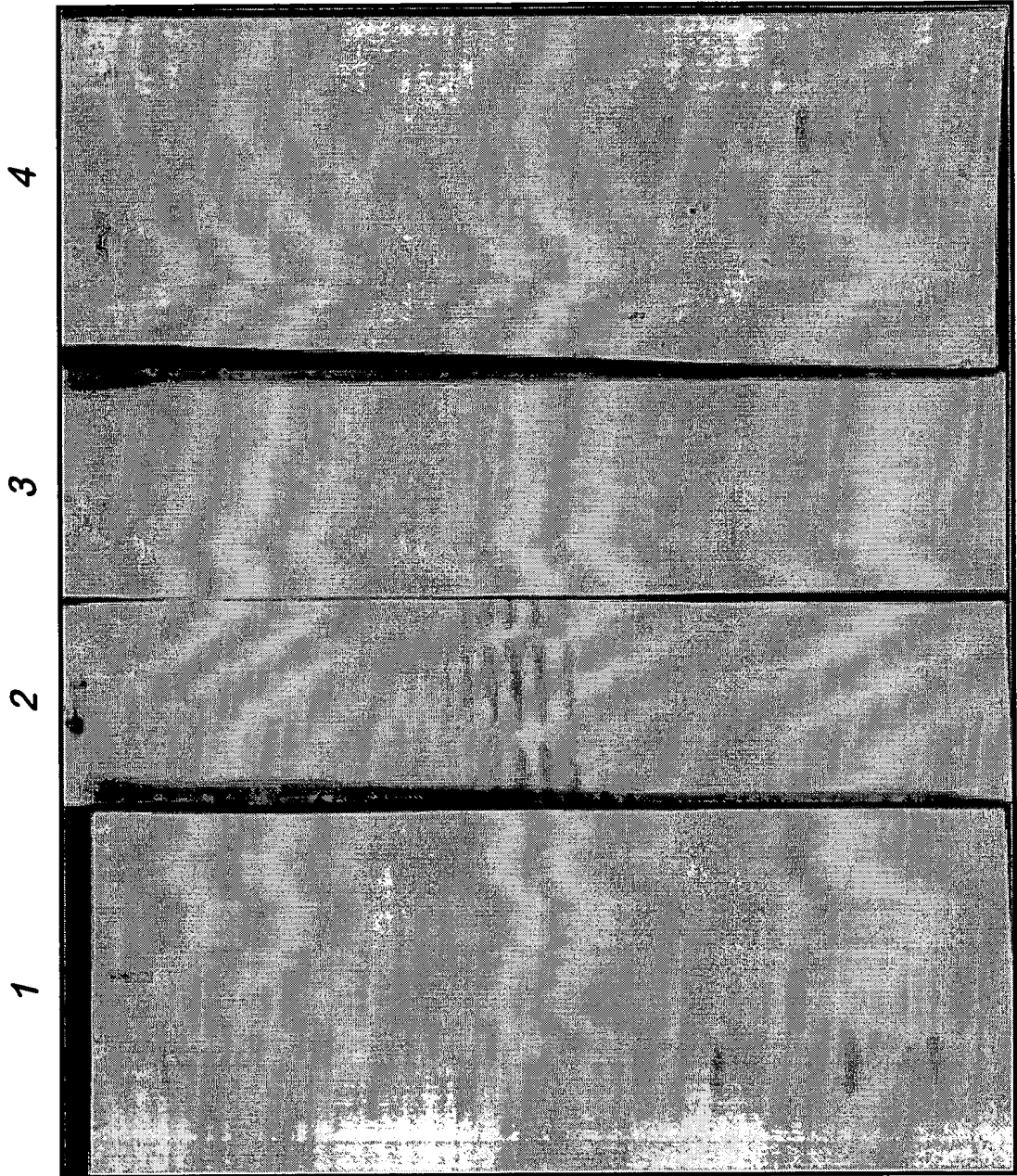


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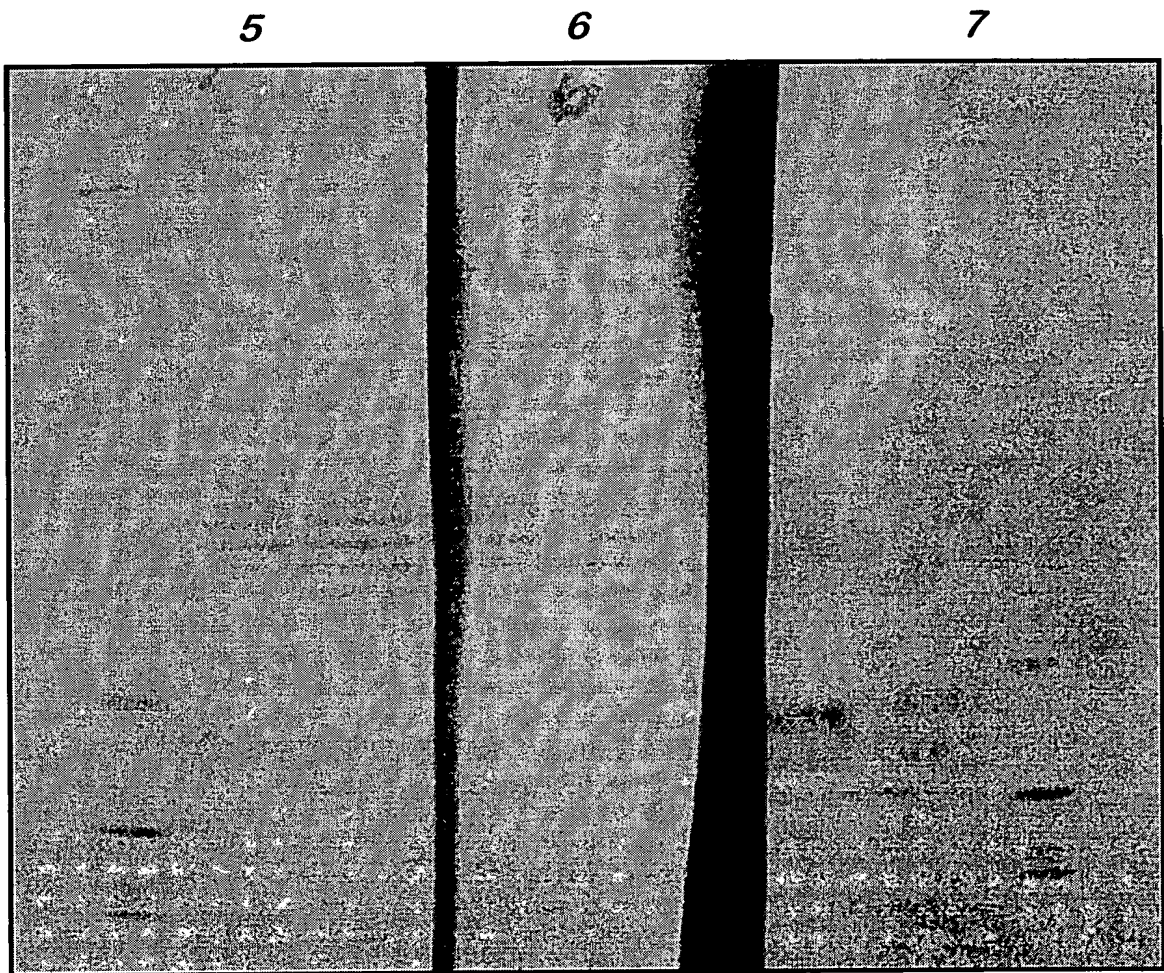


Fig. 11

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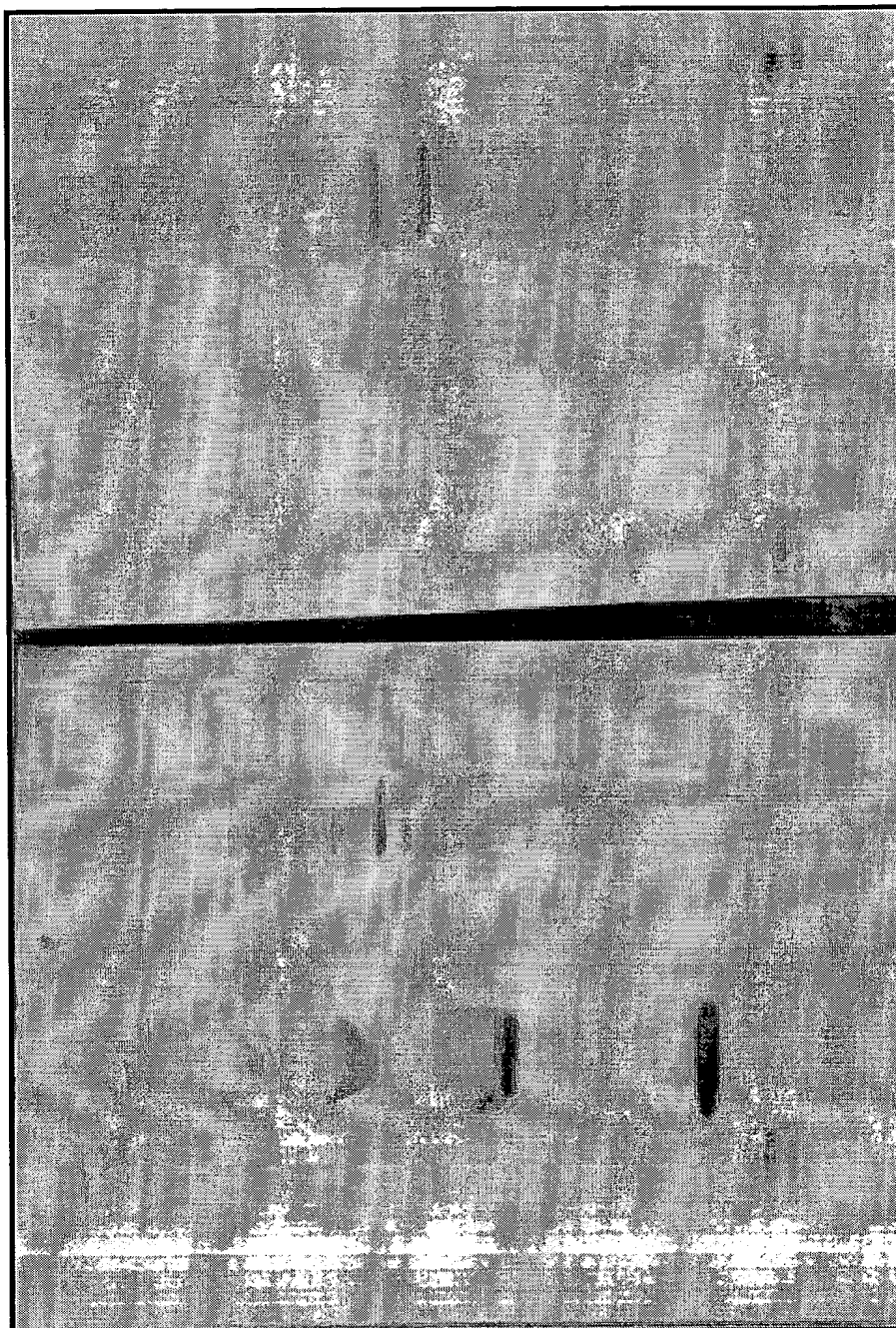


Fig. 12

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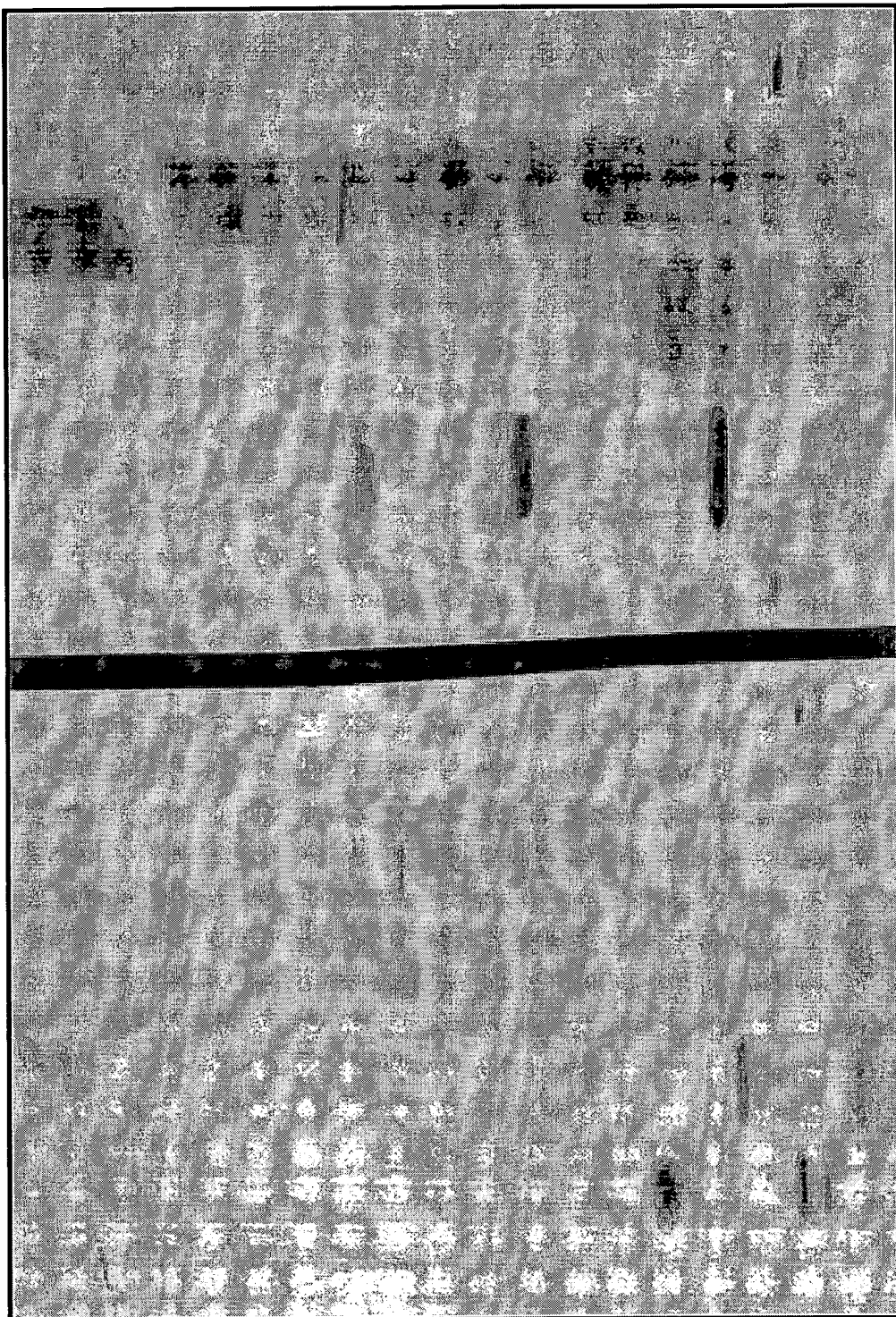


Fig. 13.A

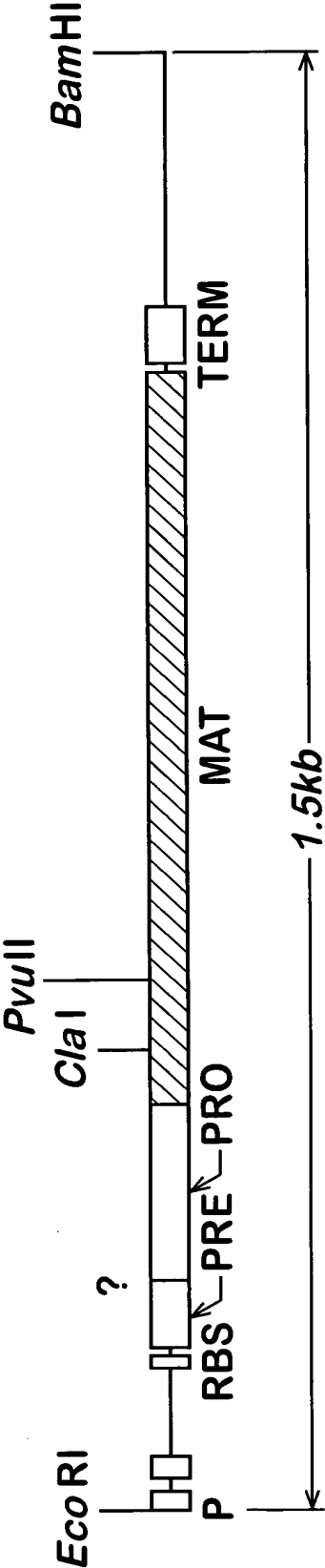
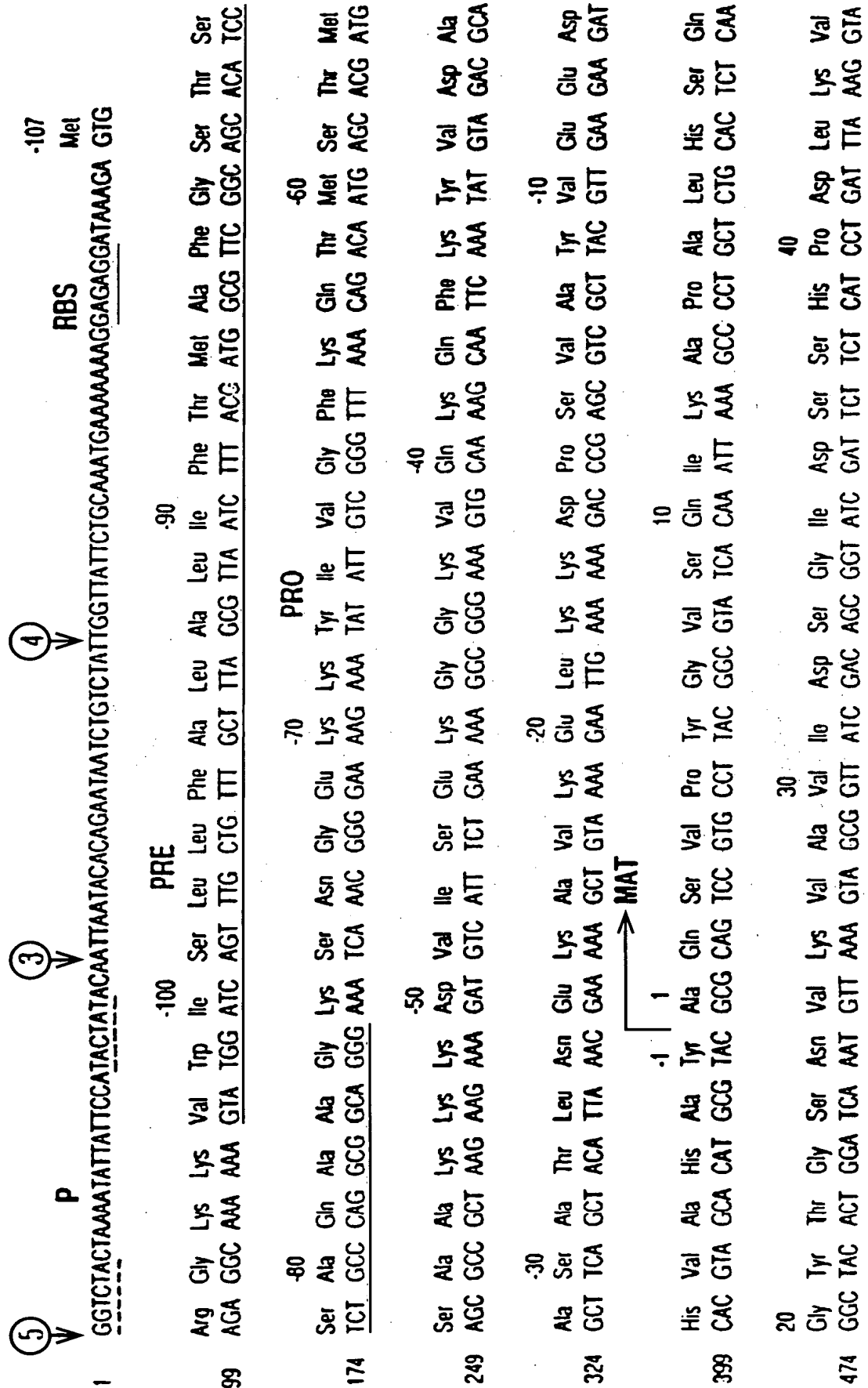


Fig. 13.B1



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Fig. 13.B3

Fig. 14

CONSERVED RESIDUES IN SUBTILISINS FROM *BACILLUS AMYLOLIQUEFACIENS*

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1          10          20
A Q S V P . G . . . . . A P A . H . . G

21          30          40
. T G S . V K V A V . D . G . . . . H P

41          50          60
D L . . . G G A S . V P . . . . . Q D

61          70          80
. N . H G T H V A G T . A A L N N S I G

81          90          100
V L G V A P S A . L Y A V K V L G A . G

101         110         120
S G . . S . L . . G . E W A . N . . . .

121         130         140
V . N . S L G . P S . S . . . . . A . .

141         150         160
. . . . . G V . V V A A . G N . G . . .

161         170         180
. . . . . Y P . . Y . . . . A V G A .

181         190         200
D . . N . . A S F S . . G . . L D . . A

201         210         220
P G V . . Q S T . P G . . Y . . . N G T

221         230         240
S M A . P H V A G A A A L . . . K . . .

241         250         260
W . . . Q . R . . L . N T . . . L G . .

261         270
. . Y G . G L . N . . A A . .
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B. amyloliquefaciens *B. subtilis* *B. licheniformis* *B. lentus*

121	130	140	150
V I N M S L G G P S G S A A L K A A V D K A V A S G V V V A A A G N E G T S G	V I N M S L G G P T G S T A L K T V V D K A V S S G I V V A A A A G N E G S S G	V I N M S L G G A S G S T A M K Q A V D N A Y A R G V V V A A A A G N S G N S G	V A N L S L G S P S A T L E Q A V N S A T S R G V L V V A A S G N S G A G S

161	170	180	190															
SSS	STVGY	PGKY	PSVI	AGAV	SSSD	SSNQ	RAS	SS	SSV	GPE	L	D	V	M	A			
SSS	STVGY	PPAKY	PS	STIA	VGA	VNS	SSNQ	RAS	SS	SSA	GSE	L	D	V	M	A		
SSS	NTIGY	PPAKY	DS	VI	VGA	VDS	SSNQ	RAS	SS	SSV	GAE	L	E	V	M	A		
* *	* *	ISY	PAR	YAN	AM	AV	GAT	DDQ	NN	RR	AS	FS	QY	GAG	L	I	V	A

201	210	220	230																	
PGV	SIQ	STL	PGN	KY	GAY	NGT	SSM	AS	PH	VAG	AA	AA	L	I	L	S	K	H	P	N
PGV	SIQ	STL	PGG	TY	GAY	NGT	SSM	AT	PH	VAG	AA	AA	L	I	L	S	K	H	P	N
PGV	AGV	SY	ST	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y
PGV	VN	VQ	ST	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y	AT	Y

241	250	260	270																														
W	T	N	T	Q	V	R	S	S	L	E	N	T	T	K	L	G	D	S	F	Y	Y	G	K	G	L	I	N	V	Q	A	A	Q	
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Fig. 16
Initial evaluation results

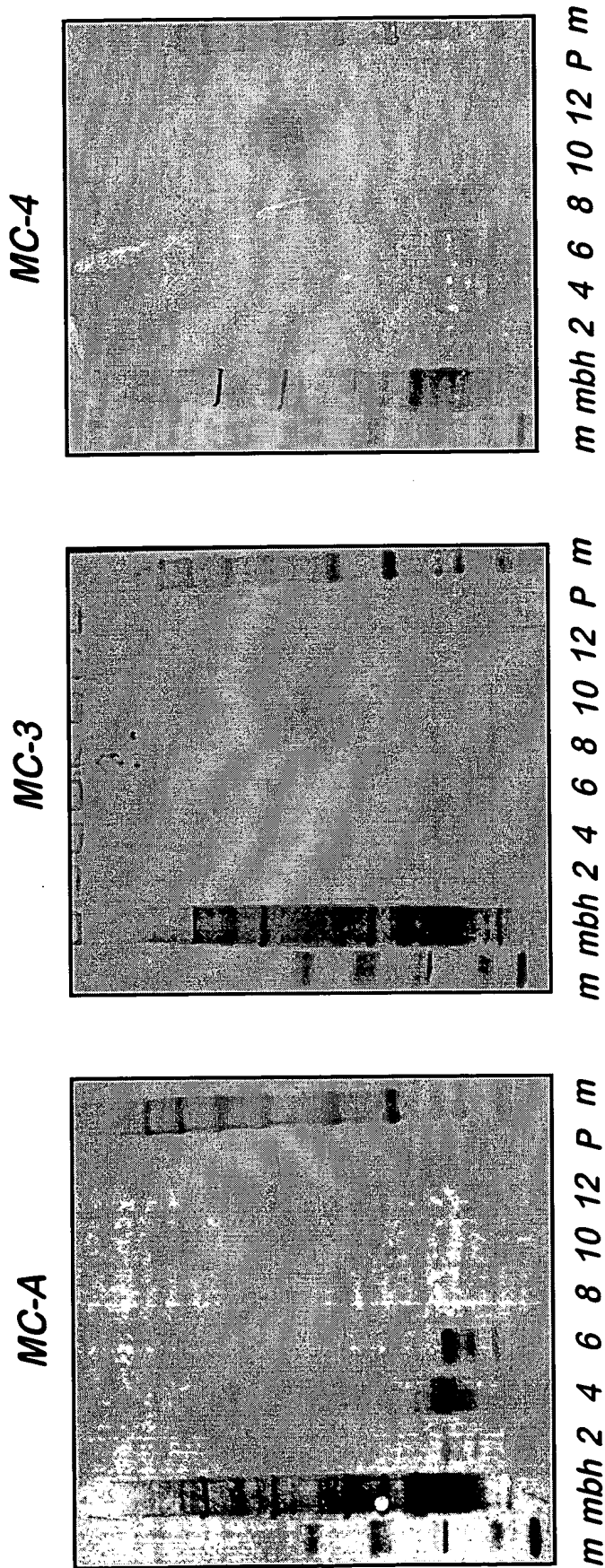
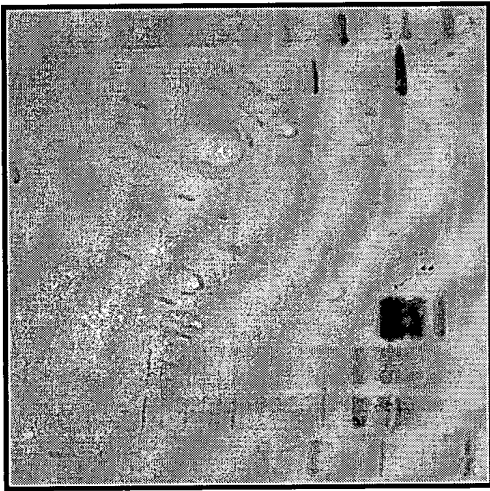


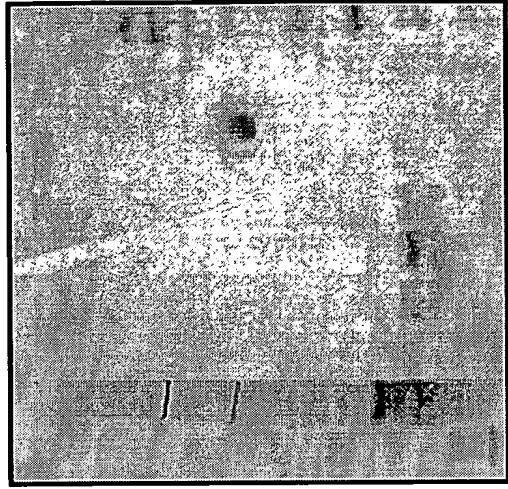
Fig. 17
 Comparison with
 Properase

Properase 60°C 30 minutes



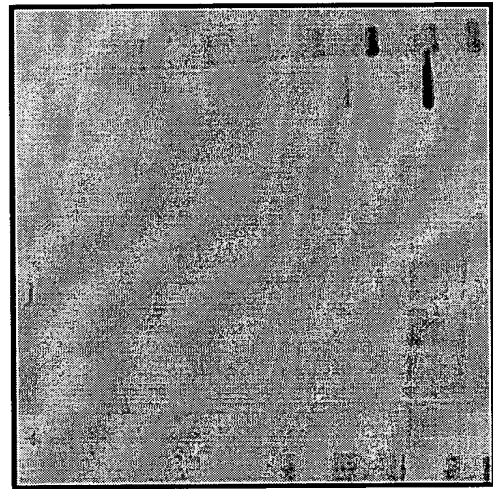
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MC-4 50°C 30 minutes



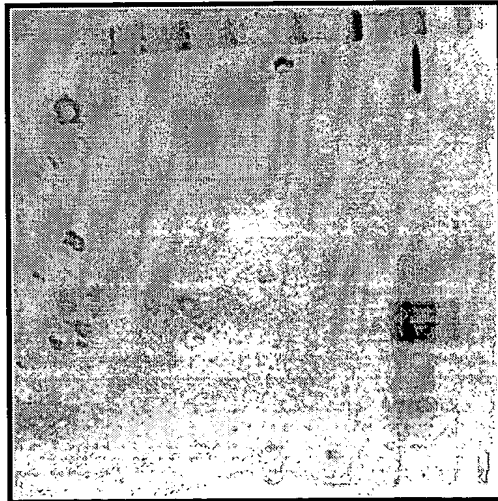
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MC-3 50°C 30 minutes



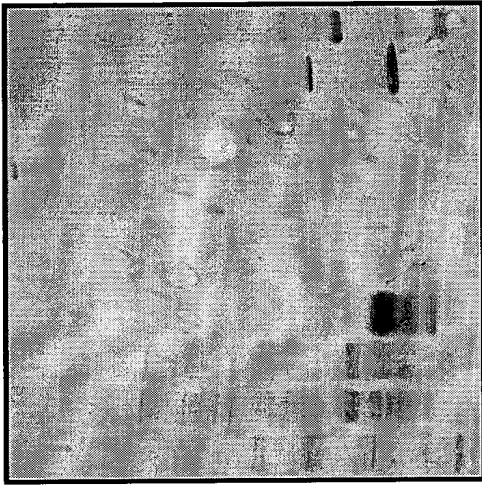
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MC-A 50°C 30 minutes



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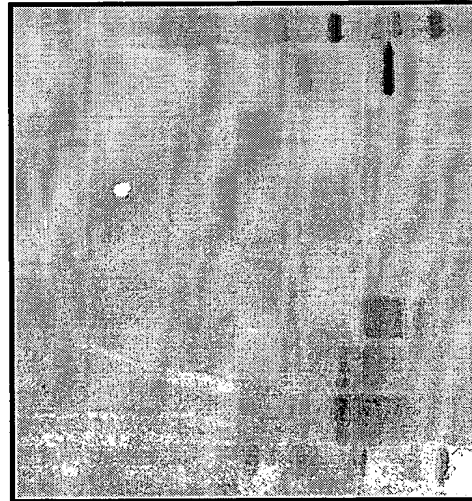
Properase 60°C 30 minutes



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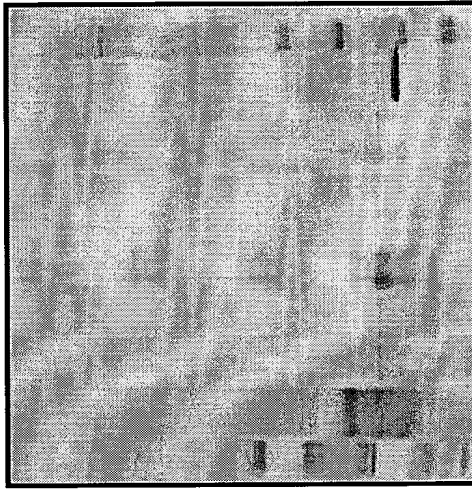
Fig. 18
*Comparison with
Properase*

MC-A 60°C 30 minutes



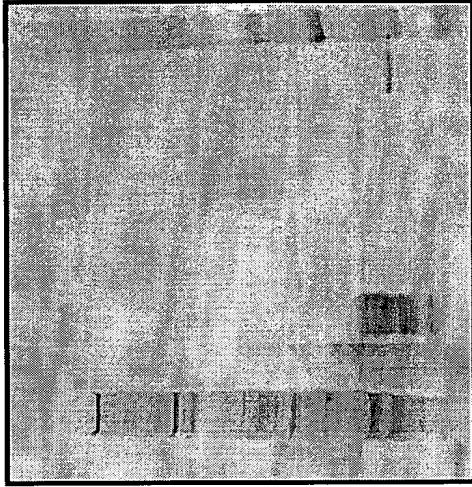
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MC-3 60°C 30 minutes



m 2 4 6 8 10 12 P rPrP m

MC-4 60°C 30 minutes



m mbh 2 4 6 8 10 12 rPrP m

Fig. 19
Temperature profiling with MC-3

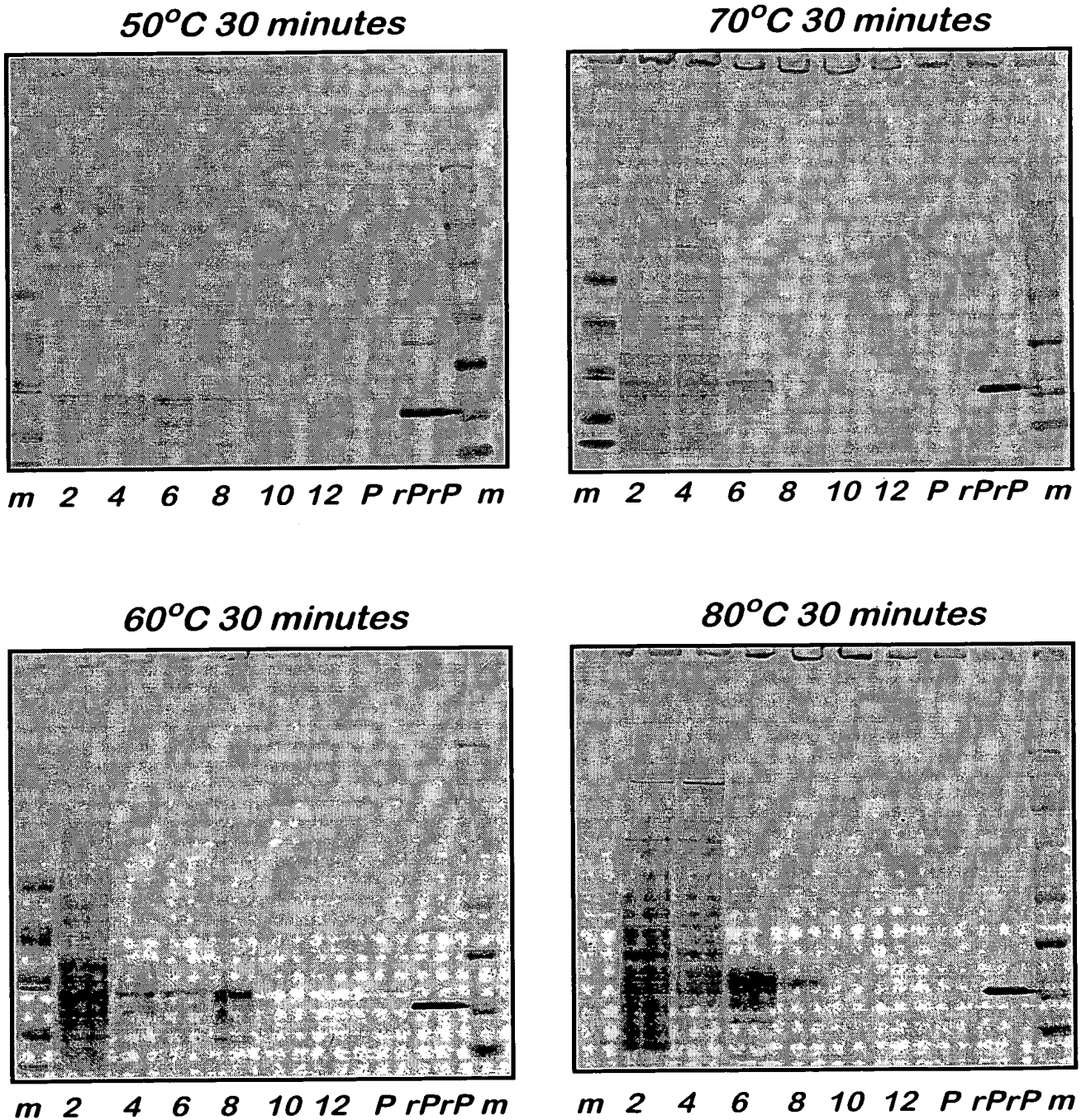


Fig. 20

Detection with PAb2
mbh pH 2-12 digested at 50 °C 30 minutes

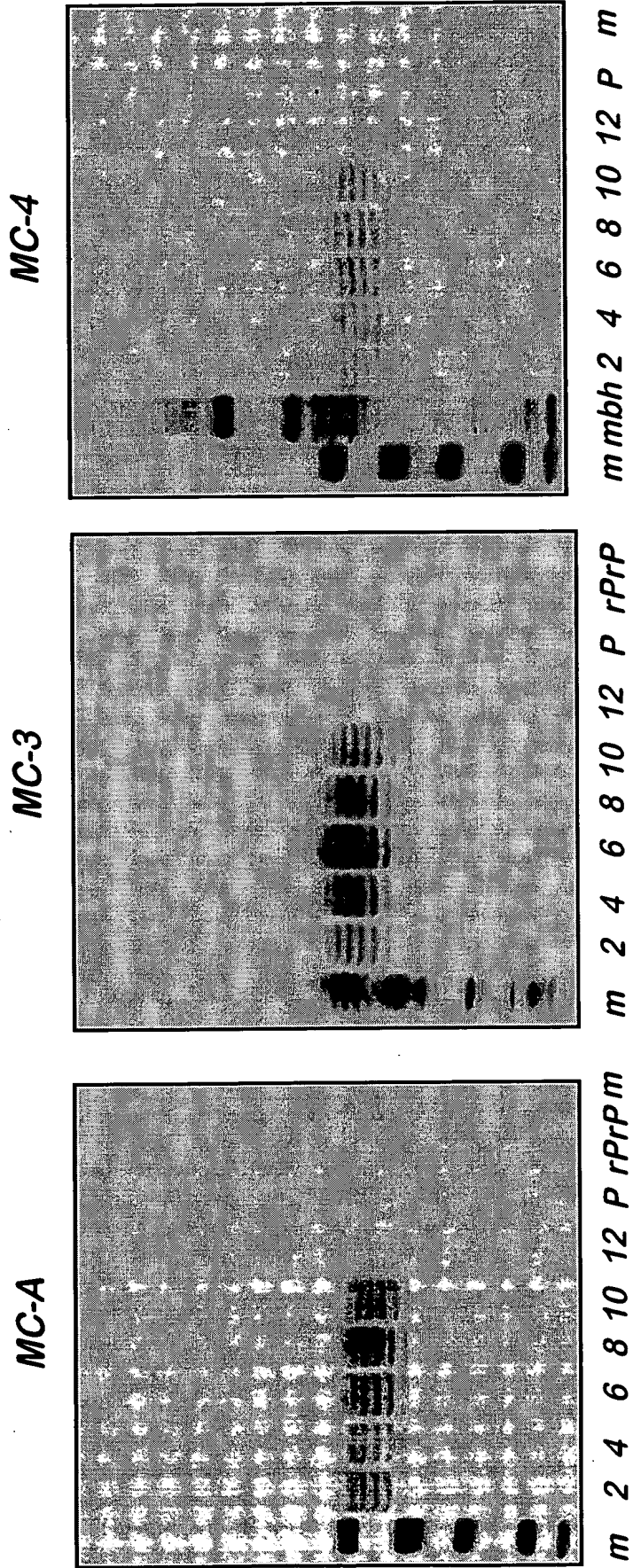
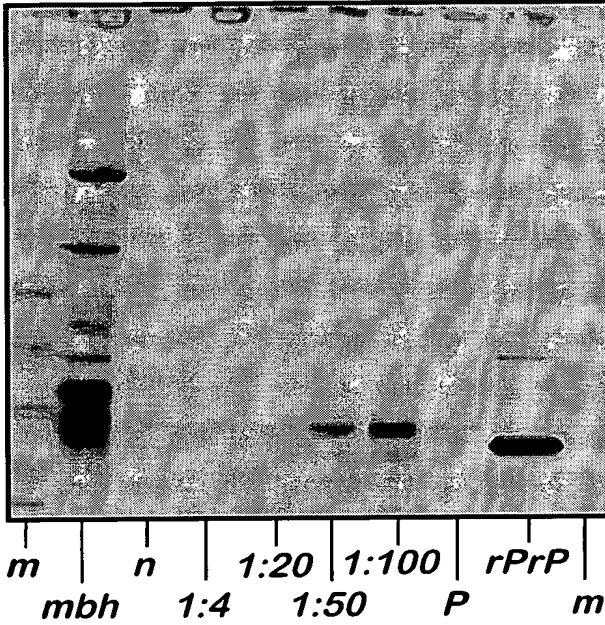


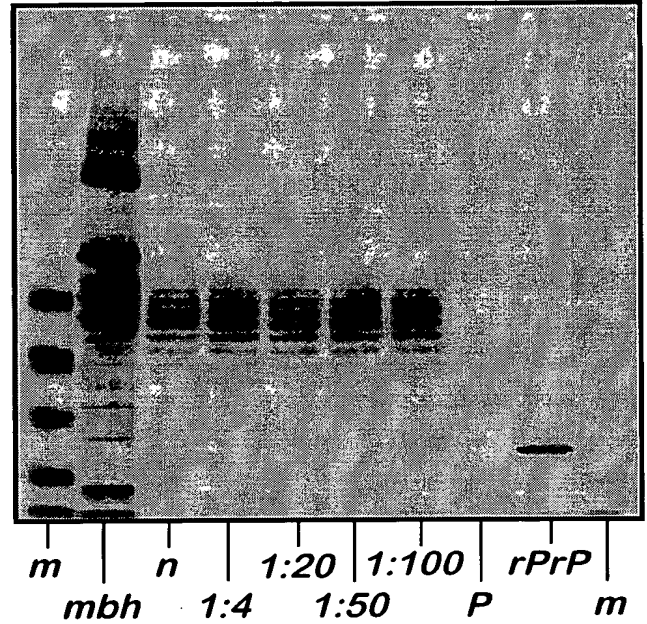
Fig. 21
MC-3 dilutions at pH10 & pH12

pH 10

6H4 West Dura

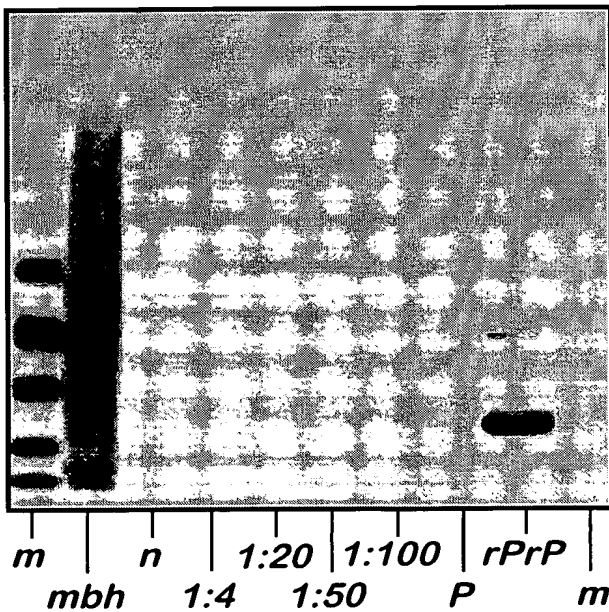


PAb2 West Dura



pH 12

6H4 West Dura



PAb2 West Dura

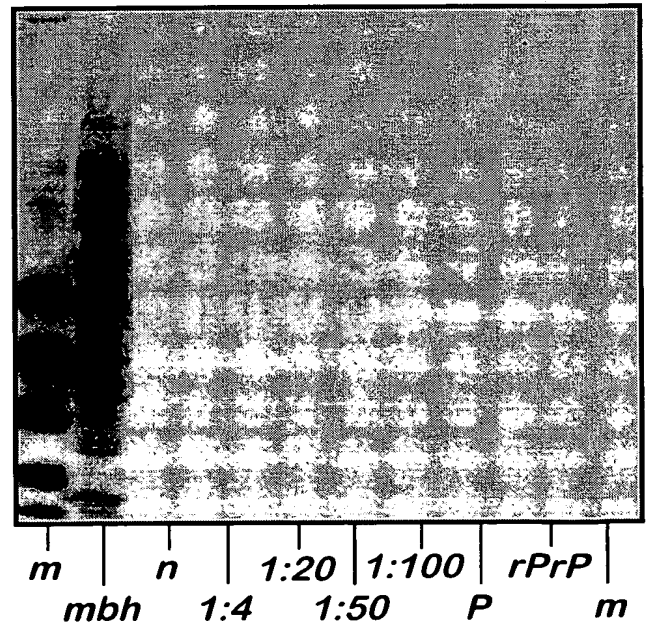


Fig. 22 **Comparison with Proteinase K**

Characteristic PrP^{Sc} monomer bands pH 2-10
Incomplete digestion pH12 however no clear monomers
HMW bands present pH 2-12

